

RMP Update

BLM Resource Management Plans

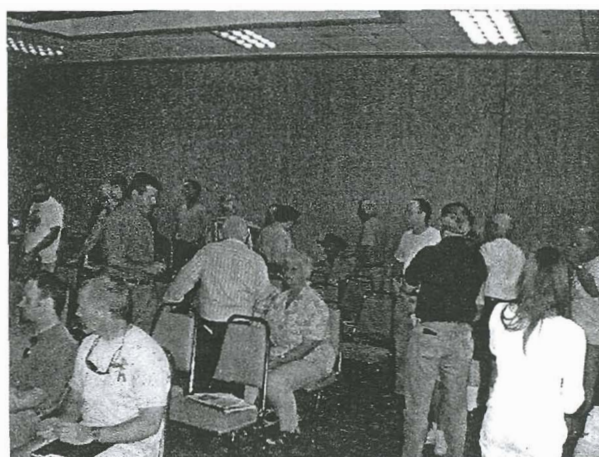
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Public Meetings Held to Review Preliminary Draft Alternatives

In June and July, BLM held six public meetings to share the RMP preliminary draft alternatives. Three of these meetings addressed the objectives and management actions for the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area and three addressed the Bruneau Planning Area.

Because you've shown an interest in one or both of these planning areas, we ask that you check out our internet website at www.id.blm.gov to see what we are proposing. This website has all the information provided at the public meetings including a copy of the preliminary draft alternatives (Chapter 2), the management action tables and associated maps for each plan. This site has a comment form that you can fill out online or mail to our office. Either way, we'd like to hear from you. If you don't have access to the internet, copies of the information are available through CD-Rom or you may contact Mary Jones at 384-3305 or Mike O'Donnell at 384-3315.

As we mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we have been very fortunate with the level of public interest and commitment to the process. Alternatives are the heart of a RMP and your input is key to having plans in which everyone can take ownership.



In addition to working on the preliminary draft alternatives, we are in the process of addressing route designations (i.e., determining which routes will be open, closed, or limited to certain types of uses or time periods).

On July 21, an information workshop was held in Nampa to explain the process we will use to make these designations. The workshop illustrated that there is a high level of interest in this process and your help and involvement is important. Once again, we invite you to check out our website or to call Jim Schmid at 384-3212 for additional information.

